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CUTLER GROUP, L.P.			PROCESSED	
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(No. and Street)			F!NANC!AL	
San Francisco	California	94104	<u> </u>	
(City)	(State)	(Zip Code)		
ME AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF PERSON TO  Nader Sharabati	O CONTACT IN REGAR	(415) 293- (Area Code - Telep	3960	
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Nader Sharabati  B. ACCO  DEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT whose opin  Ryan & Juraska, Certified Public Accounts (Name - if individual, state last, first, middle name)	UNTANT IDENTIFICAT ion is contained in this f	(415) 293- (Area Code - Telep	3960 Shone No)	
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<sup>\*</sup>Claims for exemption from the requirement that the annual report be covered by the opinion of an independent public accountant must be supported by a statement of facts and circumstances relied on as the basis for the exemption. See section 240.17a-5(e)(2).

#### **OATH OR AFFIRMATION**

I, <u>Nader Sharabati</u>, swear (or affirm) that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the accompanying financial statement and supporting schedules pertaining to the firm of <u>Cutler Group</u>, <u>L.P.</u> as of <u>December 31, 2007</u> are true and correct. I further swear (or affirm) that neither the company nor any partner, proprietor, principal officer or director has any proprietary interest in any account classified solely as that of a customer, except as follows:

•	r, proprietor, principal officer or director has any proprietary interest in any account classified solely of a customer, except as follows:
	None
	Mader Signature  Chief Financial Officer  Title
Subscr	ibed and sworn to before me this
18	day of <u>February</u> , 2008
	"OFFICIAL SEAL" Philip C. Ryan Notary Public, State of Illinois My Commission Exp. 08/20/2008
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This re	port contains (check all applicable boxes)
[x] (a)	Facing Page.
[x] (b)	Statement of Financial Condition.
[ ] (c)	Statement of Income (Loss). Statement of Cash Flows.
[ ] (d) [ ] (e)	Statement of Cash Flows. Statement of Changes in Stockholders' Equity or Partners' or Sole Proprietor's Capital.
[](f)	Statement of Changes in Liabilities Subordinated to Claims of General Creditors.
[x] (g)	Computation of Net Capital for Brokers and Dealers pursuant to Rule 15c3-1.
[x] (h)	Computation for Determination of Reserve Requirements Pursuant to Rule 15c3-3.
[x] (i)	Information Relating to the Possession or Control Requirements for Brokers and Dealers Under
	Rule 15c3-3.
[](j)	A Reconciliation, including appropriate explanation, of the Computation of Net Capital Under Rule 15c3-1 and the Computation for Determination of the Reserve Requirements Under Exhibit A of Rule 15c3-3.
[ ] (k)	A Reconciliation between the audited and unaudited Statements of Financial Condition with respect to methods of consolidation.
[x] (l)	An Oath or Affirmation.
	A copy of the SIPC Supplemental Report.
[ ] (n)	A report describing any material inadequacies found to exist or found to have existed since the
[v] /a\	date of the previous audit.
[x] (o) [ ] (p)	Independent Auditors' Report on Internal Accounting Control.  Schedule of Segregation Requirements and Funds in Segregation – Customers' Regulated Commodity Futures Accounts Pursuant to CFTC Rule 1.10(d)2(iv).

<sup>\*\*</sup>For conditions of confidential treatment of certain portions of this filling, see Section 240.17a-5(e)(3).



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#### INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Partners of Cutler Group, L.P.

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial condition of Cutler Group, L.P. (the "Partnership") as of December 31, 2007, that you are filing pursuant to Rule 17a-5 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. This financial statement is the responsibility of the Partnership's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on this financial statement based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the statement of financial condition is free of material misstatement. An audit includes consideration of internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Partnership's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the statement of financial condition. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statement referred to above presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Cutler Group, L.P. as of December 31, 2007, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statement taken as a whole. The information contained in the supplementary schedules is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statement, but is supplementary information required by Rule 17a-5 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in our audit of the basic financial statement and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statement taken as a whole.

Chicago, Illinois February 14, 2008

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# STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION as of December 31, 2007

#### **ASSETS**

Cash Securities owned, at market value	\$ 198,624 595,056,712
Memberships and stock in exchanges, at cost (market value \$6,790,000)  Furniture and equipment (net of accumulated depreciation	804,000
of \$827,235)	131,162
Investment in broker-dealer	20,000
	\$ 596,210,498

#### LIABILITIES AND PARTNERS' CAPITAL

	25,198,281 524,110,081 2,047,505 551,355,867
Partners' Capital General partner Limited partners	4,104,399 40,750,232 44,854,631 596,210,498

### NOTES TO STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION as of December 31, 2007

#### 1. Organization

Cutler Group, L.P. (the "Partnership"), a California limited partnership, was organized on February 1, 1994. The Partnership is a broker-dealer registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission and is a member of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, the Philadelphia Stock Exchange (the "PHLX") and the Chicago Board Options Exchange (the "CBOE"). The Partnership is a market maker on the PHLX and the CBOE and engages primarily in the proprietary trading of exchange-traded equity securities and equity options contracts.

#### 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

#### Revenue Recognition and Securities Valuation

Securities transactions and related revenue and expenses are recorded on a trade date basis. Securities owned and securities sold, not yet purchased, are recorded in the statement of financial condition at market value, with related unrealized profit or loss included in net trading gain in the statement of operations.

#### Income Taxes

No provision has been made for federal income taxes, as the taxable income of the partnership is included in the respective income tax returns of the partners.

#### Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

#### Depreciation

Depreciation of furniture and computer equipment is computed using the straight-line method for financial reporting and the straight line and accelerated methods for income tax purposes.

#### The General Partner

The Partnership's general partner is Trent Cutler Capital, LLC (the "General Partner"). The General Partner conducts and manages the business of the Partnership.

## NOTES TO STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION, Continued as of December 31, 2007

#### 3. Securities Owned and Sold, Not Yet Purchased

Marketable securities owned and sold, not yet purchased, consist of trading securities at market value, as follows:

				Sold, Not Yet		
		Owned	_	Purchased		
Stocks	\$	362,157,419	\$	218,936,559		
Options	-	232,899,293	_	305,173,522		
	·\$_	595,056,712	\$_	524,110,081		

#### 4. Partnership Agreement

#### Profit and Loss Allocations

All profits and losses are allocated quarterly, after allocations to the Self-Backed Traders (see Note 7), subject to the following:

- a. "Designated Net Profits" and "General Net Profits", as defined in the Partnership's Agreement of Limited Partnership, shall first be allocated to limited partners in proportion to their respective ownership percentages as of the first day of each calendar quarter to remove unrecouped "Designated Net Losses" and "General Net Losses", as defined in the Partnership's Agreement of Limited Partnership, for such limited partners.
- b. For the period January 1, 2007 to September 30, 2007 the General Partner is allocated a maximum of 40% of all remaining profits and losses. After the maximum 40% General Partner allocation, the remaining net profits and losses for each calendar quarter are allocated to the limited partners in proportion to their respective ownership percentages as of the first day of such calendar quarter.
- c. For the period October 1, 2007 to December 31, 2007, Class B Limited Partners, as defined in the Partnership's Agreement of Limited Partnership, are allocated all remaining Designated Net Profits and Designated Net Losses in proportion to their respective Class B percentage interest. After the allocation to the Class B Limited Partners, the remaining Designated Net Profits and Designated Net Losses are allocated in the same manner as General Net Gains and General Net Losses. Beginning October 1, 2007, Class B Limited Partners are allocated 1% of all remaining General Net Profits, after the allocation for unrecouped General Net Losses, and General Net Losses in proportion to their respective Class B interest.

### NOTES TO STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION, Continued as of December 31, 2007

#### 4. Partnership Agreement, continued

d. After the 1% allocation to Class B Limited Partners, the General Partner will be allocated 39.5% of remaining General Net Profits and General Net Losses. The General Net Profits and General Net Losses remaining each calendar quarter after the 39.5% allocation to the General Partner are then allocated to the Class A Limited Partners, as defined in the Partnership's Agreement of Limited Partnership, and the General Partner in proportion to their respective ownership percentages as of the first day of such calendar quarter. The General Partner's allocation is credited to the General Partner's capital account as of the end of each calendar quarter. However, it is not withdrawable by the General Partner until the end of each calendar year. The General Partner's allocation is subject to recoupment by the limited partners in a subsequent calendar quarter within the same calendar year where there is a loss in such subsequent calendar guarter.

#### 5. Distributions and Withdrawals

The Partnership is not required to make distributions, but may do so at the discretion of the General Partner. A limited partner may request a withdrawal of his or her entire capital account, or any portion thereof, as of the end of any calendar quarter, by giving 30 days prior written notice to the General Partner; provided that the limited partner maintained his or her investment for a minimum one year period. The General Partner may accept withdrawal requests of shorter notice at its discretion.

#### 6. Credit Concentration

At December 31, 2007, a significant credit concentration consisted of approximately \$46.1 million, representing the market value of the Partnership's trading accounts carried by its clearing broker, Merrill Lynch Professional Clearing Corp. Management does not consider any credit risk associated with this net receivable to be significant.

#### 7. Agreements and Related-Party Transactions

The Partnership has a Joint Back Office ("JBO") clearing agreement with Merrill Lynch Professional Clearing Corp. ("ML-PRO"). The agreement allows JBO participants to receive favorable margin treatment as compared to the full customer margin requirements of Regulation T. As part of this agreement, the Partnership has invested \$20,000 in the preferred shares of ML-PRO. The Partnership's investment in ML-PRO is reflected as investment in broker-dealer in the statement of financial condition. Under the rules of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, the agreement requires that the Partnership maintain a minimum net liquidating equity of \$1 million with ML-PRO, exclusive of its preferred stock investment.

### NOTES TO STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION, Continued as of December 31, 2007

#### 7. Agreements and Related-Party Transactions, continued

The Partnership has entered into trading agreements with certain of its traders (the "Self-Backed Traders"). Under these agreements, the Self-Backed Traders have agreed contribute capital to fund their trading activities. The Self-Backed Traders receive a percentage of the "net revenues" (trading gains less expenses) of their respective trading accounts, as defined in the trading agreements. Such allocations are credited to the respective limited partner capital accounts of the Self-Backed Traders. The Self-Backed Traders' profit allocations are deducted from total partnership income before determining the net profit or loss to be allocated to the partners on a pro rata basis. At December 31, 2007, the Self-Backed Traders' capital totaled approximately \$25,828,000 of the total partnership capital of \$44,854,631.

#### 8. Derivative Financial Instruments and Off-Balance Sheet Risk

In the normal course of business the Partnership enters into transactions in derivative financial instruments and other financial instruments with off-balance sheet risk that include exchange-traded equity and index options and short stocks. All derivative instruments are held for trading purposes. All positions are reported in the accompanying statement of financial condition at market value and gains and losses from derivative financial instruments are included in net trading gain in the statement of operations.

Options grant the purchaser, for the payment of a premium, the right to either purchase from or sell to the writer a specified instrument under agreed terms. As a writer of options, the Partnership receives a premium in exchange for bearing the risk of unfavorable changes in the price of the financial instruments underlying the options.

Securities sold, not yet purchased, represent obligations of the Partnership to deliver specified securities and thereby create a liability to repurchase the securities in the market at prevailing prices. These transactions may result in off-balance sheet risk as the Partnership's ultimate obligation to satisfy its obligation for securities sold, not yet purchased may exceed the amount recognized in the statement of financial condition.

Risk arises from the potential inability of counterparties to perform under the terms of the contracts (credit risk) and from changes in the values of the underlying financial instruments (market risk). The Partnership is subject to credit risk to the extent any broker with which it conducts business is unable to fulfill contractual obligations on its behalf. The Partnership attempts to minimize its exposure to credit risk by monitoring brokers with which it conducts investment activities. In management's opinion, market risk is substantially diminished when all financial instruments are aggregated.

# NOTES TO STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION, Continued as of December 31, 2007

#### 9. Net Capital Requirements

The Partnership is subject to the Securities and Exchange Commission Uniform Net Capital Rule (Rule 15(c)3-1) and various exchange rules. Under the highest requirement, the Partnership is required to maintain "net capital" equal to the greater of \$1,000,000 or 6 and  $\frac{2}{3}$ % of "aggregate indebtedness", as defined.

At December 31, 2007, the Partnership had net capital and net capital requirements of \$24,384,119 and \$1,000,000, respectively.

**SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULES** 

### FINANCIAL AND OPERATIONAL COMBINED UNIFORM SINGLE REPORT PART III

	COMPUTATION OF NET CAPITAL				
١.	Total ownership (from Statement of Financial Condition- Item 1800)		\$	44,854,631	[3480]
2.	Deduct: Ownership equity not allowable for net capital			(18,980,289)	[3490]
3.	Total ownership equity qualified for net capital		\$	25,874,342	[3500]
4.	Add: A. Liabilities subordinated to claims of general creditors allowable in computation of net of B. Other (deductions) or allowable subordinated liabilities	apital	-		[3520] [3525]
5.	Total capital and allowable subordinated liabilities		\$	25,874,342	[3530]
6.	Deductions and/or charges:  A. Total non-allowable assets from Statement of Financial Condition (Note B and C) (See detail below)  1. Additional charges for customers' and non-customers' security accounts  2. Additional charges for customers' and non-customers' commodity accounts  B. Aged fail-to-deliver  1. Number of items  C. Aged short security differences- less reserved of  2. Number of items  D. Secured demand note deficiency  E. Commodity futures contract and spot commodities proprietary capital charges  F. Other deductions and/or charges  G. Deductions for accounts carried under Rule 15c3-1(a)(6), (a)(7) and (c)(2)(x)  H. Total deduction and/or charges	[3540] [3550] [3560] [3570] [3580] [3590] [3600] [3610] [3615]	\$_	(955,162)	[3620]
7. 0	Other additions and/or allowable credits (List)		-	24 010 100	[3630]
8. 9.	Net Capital before haircuts on securities positions  Haircuts on securities (computed, where applicable pursuant to 15c3-1(f)):  A. Contractual securities commitments  B. Subordinated securities borrowings  C. Trading and Investment securities  1. Bankers' acceptance, certificates of deposit, and commercial paper  2. U.S. and Canadian government obligations  3. State and municipal government obligations  4. Corporate obligations  5. Stocks and warrants  6. Options  7. Arbitrage  8. Other securities  D. Undue concentration  E. Other (List)	[3660] [3670] [3680] [3690] [3700] [3710] [3720] [3730] [3732] [3734] [3650] [3736]	⇒ <u>-</u>	24,919,180	[3640]
10.	Net Capital	[2: 44]	* - \$	24,384,119	[3750

804,000

131,162

\$

20,000

955,162

Exchange memberships and stock \$

Fixed assets, net

Investment in broker-dealer

### FINANCIAL AND OPERATIONAL COMBINED UNIFORM SINGLE REPORT PART III

**BROKER OR DEALER: CUTLER GROUP, L.P.** as of December 31, 2007 COMPUTATION OF BASIC NET CAPITAL REQUIREMENT Part A [3756] Minimum net capital required (6-2/3% of line 19) 136,500 11. 12. Minimum dollar net capital requirement of reporting broker or dealer and minimum net capital [3758]1,000,000 requirement of subsidiaries computed in accordance with Note (A) 13. Net capital requirement (greater of line 11 or 12) \$ 1,000,000 [3760] [3770] Excess net capital (line 10 less 13) \$ 23,384,119 14. 15. Excess net capital at 1000% (line 10 less 10% of line 19) 24,179,369 [3780] **COMPUTATION OF AGGREGATE INDEBTEDNESS** [3790] Total A.I. liabilities from Statement of Financial Condition 2,047,505 16. 17. Add: [3800] A. Drafts for immediate credit B. Market value of securities borrowed for which no equivalent value [3810] is paid or credited [3820] [3830] C. Other unrecorded amounts (List) 18. Deduct: Adjustment based on deposits in Special Reserve Bank Accounts (15c3-1(c)(1)(vii) [3838]19. 2,047,505 [3840] Total aggregate indebtedness [3850] 20. Percentage of aggregate indebtedness to net capital (line 19 ÷ by line 10) 8.40% 21. Percentage of debt to debt-equity total computed in accordance with Rule 15c3-1(d) [3860] COMPUTATION OF ALTERNATE NET CAPITAL REQUIREMENT Part B 22. 2% of combined aggregate debit items as shown in Formula for Reserve Requirements pursuant to Rule 15c-3-3 prepared as of the date of the net capital computation including both brokers [3870] or dealers and consolidated subsidiaries debits 23. Minimum dollar net capital requirement of reporting broker or dealer and minimum net capital [3880]requirement of subsidiaries computed in accordance with Note (A) [3760] 24. Net capital requirement (greater of line 22 or 23) 25. Excess net capital (line 10 less 24) [3910] [3851] 26. Percentage of Net Capital to Aggregate Debits (line 10 ÷ by line 17 page 8) 27. Percentage of Net Capital, after anticipated capital withdrawals, to Aggregate Debits (line 10 [3854] less item 4880, page 11 + by line 17 page 8) 28. Net capital in excess of: [3920] 5% of combined aggregate debit items or \$300,000 OTHER RATIOS Part C 29. Percentage of debt to debt-equity total computed in accordance with Rule 15c3-1(d) [3860] 30. Options deductions/Net Capital ratio (1000% test) total deductions exclusive of liquidating equity [3852] under Rule 15c3-1(a)(6), (a)(7) and (c)(2)(x) + Net CapitalNOTES: The minimum net capital requirement should be computed by adding the minimum dollar net capital requirement of the reporting broker dealer and, A. for each subsidiary to be consolidated, the greater of: Minimum dollar net capital requirement, or

6-2/3% of aggregate indebtedness or 2% of aggregate debits if alternative method is used.

For reports filed pursuant to paragraph (d) of Rule 17a-5, respondent should provide a list of material non-allowable assets.

partners securities which were included in non-allowable assets.

Do not deduct the value of securities borrowed under subordination agreements of secured demand notes covered by subordination agreements not in satisfactory form and the market values of memberships in exchanges contributed for use of Partnership (contra to item 1740) and

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#### **CUTLER GROUP, L.P.**

# COMPUTATION FOR DETERMINATION OF RESERVE REQUIREMENTS PURSUANT TO RULE 15c3-3 as of December 31, 2007

The Partnership did not handle any customer cash or securities during the year ended December 31, 2007 and does not have any customer accounts.

#### **CUTLER GROUP, L.P.**

# COMPUTATION FOR DETERMINATION OF PAIB RESERVE REQUIREMENTS PURSUANT TO RULE 15c3-3 as of December 31, 2007

The Partnership did not handle any proprietary accounts of introducing brokers during the year ended December 31, 2007 and does not have any PAIB accounts.

#### **CUTLER GROUP, L.P.**

INFORMATION RELATING TO THE POSSESSION OR CONTROL REQUIREMENTS UNDER RULE 15c3-3 as of December 31, 2007

The Partnership did not handle any customer cash or securities during the year ended December 31, 2007 and does not have any customer accounts.



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### INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL

To the Partners of Cutler Group, L.P.

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of Cutler Group, L.P. (the "Company") as of December 31, 2007, we considered its internal control structure, including control activities for safeguarding securities, in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statement and not to provide assurance on the internal control.

Also, as required by Rule 17a-5(g)(1) of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC"), we have made a study of the practices and procedures followed by the Company, including tests of such practices and procedures that we considered relevant to the objectives stated in Rule 17a-5(g), in making the periodic computations of aggregate indebtedness (or aggregate debits) and net capital under Rule 17a-3(a)(11) and for determining compliance with the exemptive provisions of Rule 15c3-3. Because the Company does not carry securities accounts for customers or perform custodial functions relating to customer securities, we did not review the practices and procedures followed by the Company in any of the following:

- (1) Making quarterly securities examinations, counts, verifications, and comparisons
- (2) Recordation of differences required by Rule 17a-13
- (3) Complying with the requirements for prompt payment for securities under Section 8 of Federal Reserve Regulation T of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System

The management of the Company is responsible for establishing and maintaining an internal control structure and the practices and procedures referred to in the preceding paragraph. In fulfilling this responsibility, estimates and judgments by management are required to assess the expected benefits and related costs of internal control structure policies and procedures, and of the practices and procedures referred to in the proceeding paragraph, and to assess whether those practices and procedures can be expected to achieve the SEC's above-mentioned objectives. Two of the objectives of an internal control structure and the practices and procedures are to provide management with reasonable but not absolute assurance that assets for which the Company has responsibility are safeguarded against loss from unauthorized use or disposition, and that transactions are executed in accordance with management's authorization and recorded properly to permit the preparation of the financial statement in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Rule 17a-5(g) lists additional objectives of the practices and procedures listed in the proceeding paragraph.



Because of inherent limitations in internal control or the practices and procedures referred to above, error or fraud may occur and not be detected. Also, projection of any evaluation of them to future periods is subject to the risk that they may become inadequate because of changes in conditions or that the effectiveness of their design and operation may deteriorate.

A control deficiency exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect misstatements on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a control deficiency, or combination of control deficiencies, that adversely affects the entity's ability to initiate, authorize, record, process, or report financial data reliably in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles such that there is more than a remote likelihood that a misstatement of the entity's financial statement that is more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected by the entity's internal control.

A material weakness is a significant deficiency, or combination of significant deficiencies, that results in more than a remote likelihood that a material misstatement of the financial statement will not be prevented or detected by the entity's internal control.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first and second paragraphs and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control and control activities for safeguarding securities that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above.

We understand that practices and procedures that accomplish the objectives referred to in the second paragraph of this report are considered by the SEC to be adequate for its purposes in accordance with the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and related regulations, and that practices and procedures that do not accomplish such objectives in all material respects indicate a material inadequacy for such purposes. Based on this understanding and on our study, we believe that the Company's practices and procedures were adequate at December 31, 2007 to meet the SEC's objectives.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management, the SEC, the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority and other regulatory agencies that rely on Rule 17a-5(g) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 in their regulation of registered brokers and dealers, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Chicago, Illinois February 14, 2008

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